

SWEEP BY STORM

Topeka Visited by Destructive Hurricane.

Roofs Torn From Buildings and Trees Destroyed.

CRAWFORD LOSES ROOF

Tin Ripped Off and Left in Alley.

Shawnee Mills and Warren M. Crosby Suffer.

Wind Blows at the Rate of 60 Miles an Hour.

The storm struck Topeka with full force, shifting towards the Santa Fe shops where the damage is considerable. Part of the tiling of the main shop was blown off. The east part of the city is covered with wreckage, boxes, barrels, roofs of houses, trees and a miscellaneous collection of about everything that is movable. The storm swept over the city to the southeast its path is plainly marked by the wreck strewn streets.

While the entire city is strewn with trees and broken limbs the largest amount of wreckage seems to have occurred along Kansas avenue and Jackson street. At the corner of Sixth and Jackson street, the row of low store buildings, Mulvane and Leonard, suffered severely. The building at 611 Jackson street occupied by a horse shoeing shop was partially unroofed and the entire brick front blown over into the street, giving rumor to the effect that the building had been struck by lightning.

At the Empire drug store on the corner of Sixth and Jackson a large plate glass window was broken, while one door east at the printing office of Evans & Sons, another large window was shattered and considerable damage done by the water blown in.

At the bakery of Hall & Schaffer, 121 West Sixth avenue, two glasses were broken from the front of the building. The new Bates building on the corner of Sixth and Jackson suffered from a number of broken lights. Two of the large signs in Hudson's lot were blown in.

Shawnee Mills Damaged.

The roof was stripped from the main part of the Shawnee mills and wrapped around a telephone pole on the street below. In speaking of the damage done, Mr. Schellenger said: "The roof must have been blown off early in the storm, as considerable water fell on the inside of the building, and whenever water gets into a roof it makes a bad mess of it. We will get things straightened around today and the mill to running. It is hard to estimate our damage, but it will not exceed \$500, I am sure."

The old sycamore tree which has stood for years in front of the wagon making shop at 17 East Sixth avenue was twisted and broken, and a half dozen wagons were overturned.

The wind caught the roof of the south half of the Warren M. Crosby store and rolled the tin roof over on to Kansas avenue. The damage to the stock is slight, as the rain had almost ceased falling, mainly to the south.

There were a dozen or less empty piano boxes standing on the walk in front of the W. F. Koehrer music store; these were distributed up and down Kansas avenue. Windows are down and iron framework mixed with wires and tin from the roofs of buildings made a maze in the Kansas avenue very uncertain the earlier hours of the morning.

Crawford Is Unroofed.

The old building known as the Crawford opera house block was completely unroofed, and the back of the building is impassable on account of the mass of cables, electric light wires and tin from the roof of the opera house, and considerable damage was done by the water.

The telephone companies are somewhat crippled. This is particularly true of the long distance lines, which are nearly all down. It will be several days before they can all be repaired.

Many of the electric signs over the city are ruined, and several large display cases, such as are left on the sidewalks, were completely ruined.

A large barn belonging to Gus Eberlin, of 818 State street, was blown down.

The new First Baptist church sustained damages amounting to about \$300. The skylight in the Sunday school room was blown in, considerable damage was done to the interior of the building.

Many chimneys were blown down all over the city and a great many of the panes of glass broken through the residence portion of the city. A large chimney on the home of Jonathan Thomas was blown down, and the home of Mrs. J. C. Wilson, on Topeka avenue, was damaged.

Severe on Topeka Avenue.

The block between Seventh street and Eighth avenue on Topeka avenue seemed to be one of the several storm centers. Damage was done to buildings, large trees were uprooted and blown over, telephone and electric light wires put out of commission, and considerable destruction inflicted upon gardens and yards.

The double entry way to the St. John's African M. E. church, the southwest corner of Seventh and Topeka avenues, a large frame affair about 15 feet in height and of about the same width, was torn loose from its foundation and hurled across the sidewalk.

ARTICLE ELEVEN.

Deadlock on Limitation of Russia's Naval Power.

Remains Unbroken at the Peace Conference.

WILL TRY IT AGAIN.

Subject Will Be Taken Up Once More at the Next Session.

Roosevelt May Be Appealed to by Both Parties.

Portsmouth, Aug. 18.—The deadlock between the Russian and Japanese plenipotentiaries over article 11 of the peace conditions (the limitation of Russia's naval power) which developed at yesterday afternoon's sitting of the conference, had not been broken, when the envoys adjourned for luncheon at 12:30 p. m. today. The forenoon session was entirely given up to consideration of the article and the official statement issued after adjournment said the discussion would be resumed this afternoon.

When the peace plenipotentiaries met today it was practically with the tacit understanding that the subject of today's session they would adjourn until Monday. The "prophets of evil" as those who persist in believing that all hope of a treaty is gone, are called, predicted that today would witness the final rupture, and that at most there would be only one more meeting, not for a final effort to reach an accord, but to exchange the diplomatic amenities and bid each other farewell.

This does not represent the situation. Unless something entirely unforeseen on either side occurs today, the final struggle will be postponed until Monday to give both sides time to hear the latest word of their governments.

No matter what the written "full powers" of plenipotentiaries extraordinary may be, these modern days of the cable and the telegraph which keep envoys in instant communication with their home governments, has made it impossible for plenipotentiaries to be given to envoys charged by their governments with negotiating and settling disputes. Diplomatic negotiations are now conducted by emperors and governments rather than by emissaries. Envoys propose and emperors dispose.

Both sets of plenipotentiaries are in continuous communication with their governments. Each day's proceedings are cabled nightly to Tokio and St. Petersburg and are immediately being relayed from both capitals. The cables of Japan are longer and more complete than the Russian.

Witte Receives a Message.

Just before Mr. Witte left for the conference chamber this morning he received a long cipher cable. It was too late to decipher it at the hotel and Mr. Witte thrust it into his pocket. He did not take it with him to the yard, where his secretaries could translate it. Article 11 (the limitation upon Russia's naval power) was pending when the plenipotentiaries adjourned. It is believed that the cable contained indications were that it also would go over without final action. The last article, number 12, relating to Behring rights, may be settled by the plenipotentiaries, but neither 10 (the interned warships) nor 11 nor 12 presented insuperable difficulties. Everything now hangs back to inasmuch as the plenipotentiaries are waiting for the plenipotentiaries to be ready to compromise.

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CONGRER TO GO BACK.

Former Minister to Peking Will Return to His Old Post.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 18.—Edwin H. Conger of Iowa, formerly minister to China and since last April the American ambassador to Mexico, will return in the near future if present plans are carried out to China. His mission will be of a semi-diplomatic nature, the specific purpose of which will be to allay, if possible, the agitation aroused in parts of the Chinese against the use by the Chinese of American products.

Ambassador Conger, who has been in Mexico for nearly a month at his new post in the City of Mexico, was summoned to the United States to confer with the president. While neither the president nor the ambassador are expected to discuss for publication the nature of their interview, it is known that the ambassador will not return to Mexico, but will remain in the United States for his projected mission to China.

Mr. Conger spent eight years in China as the American minister. He is well known and popular among the officials of the Peking government and is influential also among the Japanese who are regarded as likely to play an important role in the moment the temperature develops.

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AGAINST FREE SEEDS.

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Weather Indications.

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FOR THEFT OF CHICKENS.

Mistah George Andrews Finds Himself in Serious Trouble.

A warrant was sworn out in the city court this morning against George Andrews, who is charged entered a chicken coop in the Highland Park addition to the city as Topeka makes the and there did carry away three dozen and four chickens of various sizes and ages. The warrant was sworn to by Frank Deane, who is very sure that all the allegations and more are true.

Mr. Andrews, who is of the shade of darkest night, denies a part of the allegations inasmuch as he is sure that he did not get but twenty-five of the chickens that were charged to his account. He is right or wrong. Mr. Andrews was taken to the county jail, and the probabilities are that he will be transferred from there to the state penitentiary, unless he changes his mind about the number of chickens taken and adopted the law.

Italians Go Visiting and Bring Contagion Home.

New cases in New Orleans, since 6 p. m. yesterday, 14; total to date, 1,237; deaths today, 1; total deaths, 151.

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Not So Many Victims of Yellow Fever Are Dying

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BRIGHT SPOT IN HISTORY.

Seligman's Estimate of the Conference at Portsmouth.

New York, Aug. 18.—Isaac N. Seligman, the banker, returned from Portsmouth, N. H., and expressed the belief that the peace conference will become a bright spot in history's pages. Speaking of the meeting between Mr. Witte and the Jewish bankers, including himself, Mr. Seligman said:

"We did not ask for the conference. Neither did Mr. Witte call for it. It had been arranged by other parties to have us come together. We were much impressed by Mr. Witte, his breadth, his candor and his human feeling. As we understand it, he has no power to do what we asked but we believe that he will use his good offices and that he will be in a position to bear our message to the emperor in a convincing way that we are confident will bear fruit."

IT IS COOLER TODAY.

Weather Conditions More Satisfactory Since the Rain.

Today is the calm which follows a storm. Floating clouds partially obscured the sun and a stiff 14 mile an hour wind blowing from the south keeps the rain cooled atmosphere in motion and again today we have an ideal day. There is not enough dampness in the air to make it disagreeable and the temperature is low enough that the most fastidious can find no room for complaint. The weather man says that the present conditions will be with us today and tomorrow and that there will probably be a fall in the temperature. Weather Director Powell says that the low temperature is due to the fact that the storm of last night will break it up for a while at least. The maximum and minimum temperatures as recorded in the 24 hours ending at 7 o'clock this morning at the various stations over the state were:

Elkhart 92, 64; Dodge City 92, 70; Fort Scott 92, 66; Macksville 92, 64; McPherson 98, 72; Topeka 90, 64; Toronto 100, 64; Wichita 90, 74.

The precipitation for the past 24 hours has been 1.25 inches. Yesterday's maximum temperature was 90. While the minimum for today was 64. The maximum wind velocity for the past 24 hours has been 40 miles per hour though most of the time during the severest of the storm it did not exceed 50 miles per hour.

Clear weather was reported this morning from western Kansas, fair weather in central Kansas and cloudy in eastern Kansas and western Missouri. Rain was falling in extreme eastern Kansas and rain was falling in central western Missouri at 7 o'clock this morning. The day temperatures have fallen but the temperatures have generally risen.

The hourly temperatures for today were:

7 o'clock.....67 11 o'clock.....78
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9 o'clock.....68 1 o'clock.....79
10 o'clock.....75 2 o'clock.....81

Wind, southeast, three miles an hour at 2 p. m.

NEW JUSTICE RUMOR.

Now Reported That Emporia May Get the Place.

It is reported today on good authority that Governor Hoch will announce a successor to Judge Cunningham from the Fourth district and probably from Emporia.

If this is correct, it is likely that either C. B. Graves, district judge, or John Madden will get the place. In view of the fact that Madden has just received appointment as general attorney for the M. K. & T., a place which he has long desired, it is not likely that he would resign to go on the bench. Graves is therefore likely to get the place.

Personally there is no doubt that Governor Hoch would like to appoint Judge A. Benson of Emporia. Benson is a member of the highest regard for Benson, and would have liked to appoint him as successor to Justice W. R. Smith, but followed Smith's advice and named Elias Porter. In filling Judge Cunningham's place, it is likely that Governor Hoch will decide to leave the position in the Fourth district.

CARLOAD OF DEAD.

Found at Bottom of River at Scene of Coast Line Wreck.

Norfolk, Aug. 18.—At noon divers went to the bottom of the river